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1. A military school was founded in 1934 in Yevpatoriya in the Crimea. It was named the Antiaircraft Artillery (AAA) School (Shkola Zenitni Artillerii). AAA (Zenitnaya Artilleria) was a part of the Artillery. The school offered advanced courses incorporating latest known techniques in AAA. [redacted]
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- At least some of the students were quite important officers, such as the Chief of Artillery of a military district (okrug). The school was not a general PVO (Protivo-Vozdushneye Oborona - Air Defense) installation, but an AAA school. Of course, there may be more than one school there now /1954/.
2. At Yevpatoriya there was also a glider school under what is now called DOSARM. It was located there because the air currents were suitable. This was also a help to the AAA school in such activities as sending up target balloons.
3. Within PVO were included AAA, fighter planes, camouflage units, and fire fighters. There were no PVO organizations with Army units, only AAA. PVO was used for the defense of rear areas; for example, there was a PVO corps in the Baku area. However, with the outbreak of World War II each army had a small section under the Chief of PVO (Nachalnik PVO), who was in charge of AAA and camouflage. [redacted] this type of organization was probably eliminated subsequently because it duplicated the functions of AAA commanding officers. There was a separate PVO "Upravlenie" (Administration) in the Ministry of Defense. PVO included both Army and civilian personnel. The latter were subordinated to the military in PVO, although the civilians were not included in the T/O.
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